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1. In addition to the twelve TM-200 torpedo boats at Ochakov (46-36N, 31-32E)\*, the Soviets maintained a flotilla of about thirty small torpedo boats designated MT-S, and called Malashis. [redacted] described this craft as being made of aluminium, about 10 meters in length, and being driven by two Packard 1250 hp gasoline engines. The armament consisted of one 12mm machine gun, mounted on the bridge, and several depths charges. (See attachment No. 1 and 2)
2. This ship has no torpedo tube installation, but simply drops the torpedo from the stern, by allowing it to slide down a ramp into the sea. After the torpedo is dropped the Malashi turns quickly to avoid the path of the torpedo.
3. The Malashis are berthed in a concrete structure just west of the key where the TM-200's are berthed. This building is constructed in such a manner that ten ships are berthed in the water at docks and twenty are kept inside the building, suspended by crane hoists from a track attached to the ceiling. A ramp arrangement inside the building allows loading of torpedos inside of the building. A large workshop is located in the north end of the building. (See attachment No.4)
4. [redacted] when the TM-200's were transferred to Varna (43-12N, 27-56E) in June 1950, he was told by crew members that the Malashis has been transferred to another port, and that the Ochakov Naval Base was being converted to a Naval Air Station.

1. Soviet Torpedo Boat Malashi
2. Instrument Panel for a Packard 1250 HP Engine.
3. Mechanical Laboratory at the Ochakov Torpedo Boat School
4. Torpedo Boat Hangar at the Ochakov Naval Base
5. Sketch of the Ochakov Naval Base

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